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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION DELEGATION TO TE DEUM CEREMONIES IN
MADRID, NOVEMBER 27

1. THE EC COMMISSION IS SENDING A TWO-MAN DELEGATION TO MADRID TO ATTEND THE TE DEUM SERVICE AND OTHER EVENTS IN MADRID ON NOVEMBER 27. THE COMMISSION WILL BE REPRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER FINN OLAV GUNDELACH AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS ROLAND DE KERGORLAY.

2. GUNDELACH, A DANE, IS NORMALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL MARKET AND CUSTOMS UNION AFFAIRS, BUT IN THE ABSENCE, FOR MEDICAL REASONS, OF SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, GUNDELACH HAS ASSUMED SOAMES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. DE KERGORLAY, A FRENCHMAN, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION'S RELATIONS WITH ALL NON-MEMBER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING OF COURSE SPAIN.

3. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S DECISION TO SEND A DELEGATION TO MADRID, PHILIPPE DE MARGERIE, PRESIDENT ORTOLI'S
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CHEF DE CABINET, COMMENTED THAT THE COMMISSION WANTED TO MAKE

A "GESTURE TO SPAIN" AND TO SHOW THAT THE COMMISSION'S EARLIER
DECISION TO RECOMMEND SUSPENSION OF EC NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN
WAS "A SPECIAL DECISION MADE IN A SPECIAL CONTEXT." NOW,
HE COMMENTED, THE COMMISSION, LIKE A NUMBER OF EC MEMBER STATES,
WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE AN OPEN MIND TOWARD THE PROSPECTS FOR
"LIBERAL DEVELOPMENTS" IN SPAIN.MORRIS

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